



Royal Arch Newsletter #12

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Provincial Information and Communication Officer

Companions, as you would expect there is a clear strategy for the future of the Holy Royal Arch in our wonderful Province of Wiltshire – please find this below for your information.

ROYAL ARCH STRATEGY FOR WILTSHIRE

OUR VISION

To view the Royal Arch in Wiltshire as the most appealing Order in which to belong, through Convocations that are interesting, memorable, and enjoyable for all Companions.

That every Master Mason is aware from an early stage of the affinity that exists between the Royal Arch and the Craft as described in the Preliminary Declaration. Encouraging every Master Mason to complete their journey in Pure Antient Masonry.

OUR GOALS

To heighten the awareness of those Brethren yet to complete their journey from Initiation to Exaltation and encourage them to become Companions of the Royal Arch in Wiltshire.

To encourage and support the Chapters to ensure best practice is adopted and maintained to enhance the welcome and experience of the Exalte while maintaining the interests of the members.

To improve the Companions knowledge of the Order that they may better be enabled to understand the meaning of our ceremonies. Two examples - Your Chapter in Camera and commentary on the Royal Arch ceremony.

To provide guidance, support and encouragement to all Chapters enabling them to thrive and maintain growth.

To encourage unattached Royal Arch masons to reconnect with the Order to once again enjoy the Companionship established within our Chapters.

To assist Chapters to develop their own strategies to develop growth in line with that of the Province.

OUR OBJECTIVES

To increase our conversion rate of Craft to Royal Arch Masons from the current 32% to 40% by 2030.

To increase the combined recruitment of Candidates and Joining members by 5% every year.

To decrease resignations by 5% per annum.

To retrieve 3% of unattached Companions per annum.

THE WAY FORWARD

To ensure every Master Mason receives a joint letter from the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent congratulating him on his raising and recommending the Royal Arch as his next step in completing his journey in Pure Antient Masonry.

To invite Master Masons and Past Masters to an introductory presentation of the Royal Arch in Wiltshire.

To appoint, maintain and provide support a Royal Arch representative in every lodge.

To provide the Royal Arch representatives with relevant information as appropriate to assist in the delivery in promoting of the Royal Arch.

Continue to promote and encourage the sharing of the ritual amongst as many Companions as possible.

To encourage Companions to support other than their own Chapters, to increase visiting through our initiative - the Travelling Quaich.

To offer Craft Lodges lectures/presentations appertaining to the Royal Arch and continue to deliver Talking Heads when requested.

To promote educational lectures/papers via Solomon.

The Provincial Executive and active Provincial Officers to provide assistance, demonstrations and undertake Exaltation ceremonies when invited or called upon.

To provide quarterly Royal Arch newsletters to all Companions via the Scribe E's.

To provide effective and consistent communications with all Chapters.





**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF WILTSHIRE**

Excellent Companion

John Christopher Reid

Most Excellent Grand Superintendent

Excellent Companion

Colin Charles Chance Cheshire, OBE, PGSwdB

Deputy Grand Superintendent

Excellent Companion

Simon Jeremy Lister Ellingham, PGStB

Second Provincial Grand Principal

Excellent Companion

Mark Harold Lovell, PGStB

Third Provincial Grand Principal

Dear Sir and Companion,

I am directed by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over the Province of Wiltshire to inform you that a Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire will be held at The Melksham Assembly Hall, Market Square, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6ES, under the Banners of Wiltshire Chapter No 355, Border Chapter No 3129 and Highworth Chapter No 9009 on **Saturday 14th May 2022 at 11.00 a.m.** precisely.

All Present and Past Principals, and Officers of this Province, are commanded to attend this Convocation and all subscribing Companions and Honorary Members of Chapters of this Province are invited to be present. Please send apologies for absence to the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra.

A Rehearsal and Briefing will be held at the Melksham Assembly Hall at 9.00am on Saturday 14th May 2022 when all outgoing and incoming Active Provincial Grand Officers, including Stewards are expected to be present.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Vincent A J Delderfield, PGStB

Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra

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Bristol

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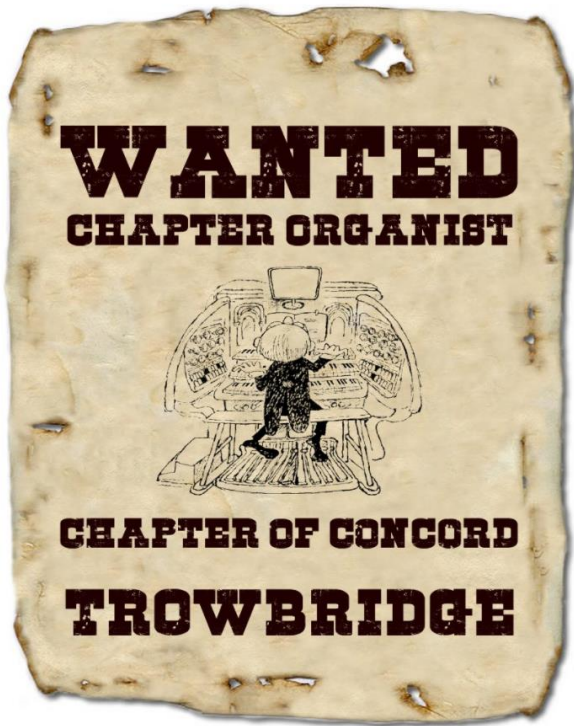
Tel: 07434 872232

E-mail: scribeezra@pglwilts.org.uk

Dress: Morning or Dark Suit and White Gloves

Luncheon will be served at approximately 1.30 pm to all Companions of the Province who complete and forward the enclosed application form with a remittance of £20.00, (cheques made payable to 'Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire please) to the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, no later than Saturday 2nd April 2022. Wine will be included with the Luncheon.

You should have received a summons for Provincial Grand Chapter from your Chapter Scribe E.
See you 14 May 2022 in Melksham!



Companions, the Chapter of Concord
No. 632 needs an organist.

If you can help out please contact the
Scribe E – E Comp Paul Lane by email on
paul.lane6747@gmail.com



A Provincial Postcard



OPEN TO THE SKIES

at BOWOOD House & Gardens
Between Calne and Chippenham, Wiltshire



24 JULY
2022



Pre-concert Concert Finishes
6.00pm - 10.00pm

- **Central Band of the Royal Air Force**
by kind permission of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council
- **The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight**
- **The Royal Air Force FALCONS**
parachute display team [both subject to weather conditions]

ALSO FEATURING

MATILDA WALE (soprano) - THE WESSEX (male choir)
MILITARY PIPES AND DRUMS - WILTSHIRE ACF CORPS OF DRUMS

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Loving Care
Wiltshire



Julia's House
The Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices

Convocations List

Contact the relevant Scribe E and go along – you will be made welcome
Installation Meeting

Tue 1 Mar 2022	Stonehenge	6114	Salisbury
<b style="color: red;">Thu 3 Mar 2022	<b style="color: red;">Rectitude	<b style="color: red;">335	<b style="color: red;">Calne
Thu 3 Mar 2022	St Edmund	4714	Calne
Fri 11 Mar 2022	Harmony	663	Devizes
Wed 16 Mar 2022	Elias de Derham	586	Salisbury
Wed 16 Mar 2022	Friendship & Unity	1271	Bradford on Avon
Thu 17 Mar 2022	Gooch	1295	Swindon
Mon 28 Mar 2022	Lansdowne Chapter of Unity	626	Chippenham
<b style="color: red;">Tue 5 Apr 2022	<b style="color: red;">Stonehenge	<b style="color: red;">6114	<b style="color: red;">Salisbury
Mon 11 Apr 2022	Wiltshire Chapter of Agriculture	9090	Corsham
Tue 12 Apr 2022	Methuen	1533	Marlborough
Wed 13 Apr 2022	Wiltshire	355	Swindon
<b style="color: red;">Thu 14 Apr 2022	<b style="color: red;">Border	<b style="color: red;">3129	<b style="color: red;">Ludgershall
Mon 25 Apr 2022	Concord	632	Trowbridge
Thur 28 Apr 2022	Thynne	1478	Warminster
Tue 3 May 2022	St Aldhelm	2888	Malmesbury
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Sat 14 May 2022	Provincial Annual Conv		Melksham

KEY DATES ● ● ●



March 2022

General Purposes Committee

- Calne – 23 Mar 2022

May 2022

Annual Provincial Convocation 2022

- Melksham – 14 May 2022

August 2022

Executive Meeting

- Zoom – tbc

September 2022

Active Officers Sunday Lunch

- Chippenham – tbc

October 2022

Provincial Grand Lodge

- Trowbridge – 06 Oct 2022

Church Service

- tbc – 23 Oct 2022